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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
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Masue SHIBA et al.) Group Art Unit: 2134
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Application No.: 09/487,483) Examiner: M. Simitoski
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For: ARITHMETIC METHOD AND)
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Sir:

AMENDMENT

In reply to the Office Action dated September 30, 2003, the period for response of which is extended to March 30, 2004, by the enclosed Petition for Extension of Time for three months and requisite fee payment, please amend the application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 5 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings are included in the attached replacement drawing sheet. The amendments are discussed on page 13 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 14 of this paper.

An Attachment includes one (1) Replacement Sheet (Figs. 13 and 14).